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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: Daniel J. McKernan et al.
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FIXING A GRAFT
IN A BONE TUNNEL
Group Art Unit No.: 3738
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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed December 29, 2003 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from January 29, 2004 to April 29, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Large Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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